

THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

Title: Award of Contract to HALO to support victims of Female Genital Mutilation, Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage (£22,500).

Executive Summary

Following the grant funding to provide this service between April 2017 and March 2018, a procurement exercise was completed and HALO was awarded a two year contract with an option to extend by a further two years. This service will support victims of honour based violence (HBV), forced marriages (FM) and female genital mutilation (FGM) in County Durham and Darlington.

The number of reported incidents is small, in comparison to other crime types, but any case that occurs will be significant in terms of its impact on the victims and the communities involved and the agencies that must respond to the consequences. Cases of HBV/FM/FGM are complex and victims often remain with HALO to receive ongoing counselling and support for periods of up to and exceeding two years. It could be longer for those victims who are engaged with the Criminal Justice System and are experiencing protracted court cases.

Support can include daily and weekly contact with victims at crisis point and, at a minimum, ongoing liaison either by phone or face to face meetings. The HALO support service is operated during office hours Monday to Friday, however, an on-call advice and emergency support (free-phone) service is available 24/7. From crisis or referral HALO provides specialist, culturally appropriate advice and support to victims that will help them move on from untenable situations of violence to lead independent lives free from harm.

HALO were awarded the contract following a competitive procurement exercise.

Decision: To confirm the contract award to HALO.

OPCC Lead Officer: Charles Oakley

Contractor Details (if applicable):

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

This has been considered as part of and is included in the 2018/19 Victims Services budget, (£22,500)

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

No specific legal implications

Equality and Diversity Implications

No specific equality and diversity implications

Human Rights Implications

No specific human rights implications

Sustainability Implications

No specific sustainability implications

Risk Management Implications

No specific risk management implications

Consultations

No specific consultation implications

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed:



Date: 31/03/18

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:



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